Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A computer-implemented method for controlling tiles within a sidebar <u>of a system</u>, the method comprising:

receiving a request to manipulate a selected tile in a sidebar<u>, wherein content of the request to manipulate the selected tile includes at least one of the group comprising: relocating the selected tile within the sidebar, adding the selected tile to the sidebar, removing the selected tile from the sidebar, hiding the selected tile in the sidebar, banning the selected tile from the sidebar, and showing the selected tile in the sidebar</u>;

in response to ~~the~~ <u>receiving said</u> request, determining a current status of the selected tile<u>, wherein the current status includes at least one of the group comprising: hidden, visible, newly installed, uninstalled, and banned</u>;

selecting an appropriate manipulation rule set based on ~~the~~ <u>an</u> identity of the manipulation requestor, ~~wherein the appropriate rule set is one of an application manipulation rule set and a user manipulation rule set~~ <u>wherein a user manipulation rule set is selected if the identity of the manipulation requestor is a system user, and an application manipulation rule set is selected if the identity of the manipulation requestor is an application, wherein said application is associated with the selected tile and is an application program other than a tile configuration user interface program</u>;

locating an appropriate manipulation rule within the selected appropriate manipulation rule set based on the <u>determined</u> current status of the selected tile and <u>the</u> content of the <u>received</u> request; and

manipulating the selected tile in accordance with the located appropriate manipulation rule <u>and the content of the received request</u>.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (currently amended): The computer-implemented method of claim 1, ~~further comprising receiving a~~ <u>wherein the identity of the manipulation requestor is</u> ~~request from~~ a system user <u>and the content of the request includes</u> ~~to add~~ <u>adding</u> the selected tile to the sidebar<u>,</u>

and ~~wherein~~ manipulating the selected tile in accordance with the located appropriate manipulation rule comprises ~~to add~~ adding the selected tile to a top of the sidebar.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The computer-implemented method of claim 1, ~~further comprising receiving a~~ wherein the identity of the manipulation requestor is ~~request from~~ an application ~~to add~~ and the content of the request includes adding the selected tile to the sidebar, and ~~wherein~~ manipulating the selected tile in accordance with the located appropriate manipulation rule ~~to add~~ comprises adding the selected tile to a bottom portion of the sidebar.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 4, further comprising providing a user notification to instruct a system user regarding removal of the selected tile.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The computer-implemented method of claim 1, ~~further comprising receiving~~ wherein the identity of the manipulation requestor is an application, the content of the request includes ~~request to show~~ showing the selected tile in the sidebar, ~~determining~~ the current status is determined as hidden, and manipulating the selected tile in accordance with the located appropriate manipulation rule comprises ~~to reveal~~ revealing the selected tile in the sidebar.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The computer-implemented method of claim 1, ~~further comprising receiving an~~ wherein the identity of the manipulation requestor is an application, the content of the request includes ~~request to hide~~ hiding the selected tile, ~~determining~~ the current status is determined as visible, and manipulating the selected tile in accordance with the located appropriate manipulation rule comprises ~~to hide~~ hiding the selected tile.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The computer-implemented method of claim 1, ~~further comprising receiving~~ wherein the identity of the manipulation requestor is a system user, the content of the request ~~to remove~~ includes removing the selected tile from the sidebar, and manipulating the selected tile in accordance with the located appropriate manipulation rule comprises ~~by~~ banning the selected tile from the sidebar.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The computer-implemented method of claim 1, ~~further~~ ~~comprising receiving~~ wherein the identity of the manipulation requestor is an application, the content of the request ~~to show~~ includes showing the selected tile, ~~determining~~ the current status of the selected tile is determined as banned, and manipulating the selected tile in accordance with the located appropriate manipulation rule comprises refusing to show the tile in the sidebar ~~based~~ ~~on the appropriate rule~~.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising providing a user interface option menu for revealing the current tile status to a system user.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 10, further comprising providing a check mark to indicate a visible tile.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 10, further comprising providing a blank space to indicate one of a newly installed and a banned tile.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A system for controlling tiles within a sidebar when a manipulation request is made by a system user or by an application to manipulate a selected tile, the system comprising:

an input module configured ~~to~~ for receiving the manipulation request, wherein content of the manipulation request includes at least one of the group comprising: relocating the selected tile within the sidebar, adding the selected tile to the sidebar, removing the selected tile from the sidebar, hiding the selected tile in the sidebar, banning the selected tile from the sidebar, and showing the selected tile in the sidebar;

a status determination module configured to indicate a current status of the selected tile, wherein the current status includes at least one of the group comprising: hidden, visible, newly installed, uninstalled, and banned;

one or more user manipulation rules defining an appropriate disposition of the selected tile based on the indicated current status of the selected tile and the content of the request, wherein

<u>said user manipulation rules are used</u> when the manipulation request originates from the system user;

one or more application manipulation rules defining an <u>appropriate</u> disposition of the selected tile based on the <u>indicated</u> current status of the selected tile <u>and the content of the request, wherein said application manipulation rules are used</u> when the manipulation request originates from the application<u>, wherein said application is associated with the selected tile and is an application program other than a tile configuration user interface program</u>; and

one or more manipulation tools configured to manipulate the selected tile in accordance with ~~one of the user manipulation rules and the application manipulation rules~~ <u>the appropriate disposition of the selected tile as defined by the user manipulation rules or the application manipulation rules, the content of the request, and the request originator</u>.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The system of claim 13, wherein the one or more user manipulation rules cause the selected tile to be added to a top portion of the sidebar upon receiving the manipulation request from the system user.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The system of claim 13, wherein the one or more application manipulation rules cause the selected tile to be added to a bottom portion of the sidebar upon receiving the manipulation request from the application.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The system of claim 15, wherein the one or more application manipulation rules further require providing a user notification to instruct the user regarding removal of the selected tile.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The system of claim 13, wherein the one or more application manipulation rules provide for showing the selected tile upon receiving an application request after determining the current tile status as hidden.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The system of claim 13, wherein the one or more application manipulation rules provide for hiding the selected tile upon receiving an application request and determining the current tile status as visible.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The system of claim 13, wherein the one or more user manipulation rules provide for banning the selected tile from the sidebar upon receiving a user request.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The system of claim 13, wherein the one or more application manipulation rules, upon determining the current tile status as banned, require refusal to show the selected tile upon receiving an application request.

Claim 21 (original). The system of claim 13, further comprising a user interface option menu for revealing the current tile status to the system user.

Claim 22 (original). The system of claim 21, wherein the user interface option menu comprises a status indicator including a check mark to indicate a visible tile.

Claim 23 (original). The system of claim 21, wherein the user interface option menu includes a blank status indicator to indicate one of a newly installed and a banned tile.

Claim 24 (currently amended): A computer-implemented method for controlling a selected tile within a sidebar upon receiving an application request for manipulation of the selected tile, the method comprising:

    receiving the application request for manipulation of the selected tile, wherein an application providing said application request is associated with the selected tile and is an application program other than a tile configuration user interface program, and wherein said request includes content;

    determining a current status of the selected tile in response to the application request, wherein the current status is at least one of the group comprising: banned, hidden, newly installed, uninstalled, and visible;

    selecting an appropriate tile manipulation rule for the application based on the current status of the tile and the content of the request; and

manipulating the tile in accordance with the selected tile manipulation rule <u>and the content of the request, wherein if the current status is determined to be banned, the selected tile manipulation rule includes refusing entry of the selected tile in the sidebar and refusing to reveal the selected tile</u>.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 24, wherein the current status is determined to be banned and wherein the selected appropriate tile manipulation rule includes refusing entry of the selected tile in the sidebar.

Claim 26 (currently amended): The computer-implemented method of claim 24, ~~further comprising determining~~ <u>wherein</u> the current status <u>is determined</u> as hidden and ~~selecting~~ the <u>selected</u> appropriate tile manipulation rule ~~that~~ allows the application to reveal the hidden tile.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The computer-implemented method of claim 24, ~~further comprising determining~~ <u>wherein</u> the current status <u>is determined</u> as newly installed and ~~selecting~~ the <u>selected</u> appropriate tile manipulation rule ~~that~~ allows entry of the selected tile at a bottom portion of the sidebar.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 27, further comprising providing a user notification allowing the user to remove the selected tile.

Claim 29 (currently amended): The computer-implemented method of claim 24, ~~further comprising determining~~ <u>wherein</u> the current status <u>is determined</u> as visible and ~~selecting~~ the <u>selected</u> appropriate tile manipulation rule ~~that~~ allows the application to render the tile hidden.

Claim 30 (currently amended): A computer-implemented method for controlling a selected tile within a sidebar based on user preferences, the method comprising:

receiving a manipulation request from a user<u>, said manipulation request having content including a request to remove the selected tile from the sidebar</u>;

removing the selected tile from the sidebar ~~upon~~ <u>in response to</u> receiving the user manipulation request;

refusing a ~~subsequent~~ request from an application to insert the selected tile into the sidebar, <u>wherein said request from the application is received after removing the selected tile in response to the manipulation request from the user, wherein said application is associated with the selected tile and is an application program other than a tile configuration user interface program</u>; and

granting a ~~subsequent~~ request from the user to insert the selected tile into the sidebar, <u>wherein the granted request from the user is received after removing the selected tile in response to the manipulation request from the user.</u>

Claim 31 (original). A computer-readable medium storing computer executable instructions for performing the method of claim 30.

Claim 32 (currently amended). A method for providing a user with control of the positioning of a selected tile within a sidebar based on user manipulation rules and application manipulation rules, the method comprising:

inserting the selected tile in a preferred sidebar position in response to <u>receiving</u> a user request to insert the selected tile;

inserting the selected tile in less preferred sidebar position in response to <u>receiving</u> an application request to insert the selected tile, <u>wherein an application providing the application request to insert the selected tile is associated with the selected tile and is an application program other than a tile configuration user interface program</u>; and

allowing a user to ~~preemptively prevent~~ <u>ban the selected tile such that the</u> ~~an~~ application <u>associated with the selected tile is prevented</u> from inserting the selected tile in the sidebar.

Claim 33 (original). A computer-readable medium storing computer executable instructions for performing the method of claim 32.